

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 VIENTI 00080 140526Z

ACTION EA-09

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 ISO-00 AID-05 CIAE-00 COME-00 EB-07
FRB-03 INR-07 NSAE-00 USIA-06 TRSE-00 XMB-02 OPIC-03
SP-02 CIEP-01 LAB-04 SIL-01 OMB-01 NSC-05 SS-15
STR-04 CEA-01 AGRE-00 /089 W
-----140536Z 037644 /20

R 140435Z JAN 77

FM AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7569

INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

AMEMBASSY PARIS

AMCONSUL HONG KONG

AMCONSUL UDORN

CINCPAC FOR POLAD

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE VIENTIANE 0080

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EFIN AFIN ALOW EIND ECON LA

SUBJECT: LA MARKET CONDITIONS

REF VIENTIANE 0006

1. EMBASSY MARKET SURVEY OF JANUARY 12 SHOWED THE PRICES OF MOST MEATS ROSE FROM THOSE REPORTED DECEMBER 29: PROK FROM 1600 TO 1700, BEEF FROM 1800 TO 2000 (REACHING 2200 ON SURVEY OF JANUARY 5), AND BUFFALO FROM 1400 TO 1500 (REACHING 1800 KIP PER KILO ON JANUARY 5). THE PRICE OF CHICKEN AND DUCK ALSO ROSE FROM 1500 TO 1800 KIP DURING THE SAME PERIOD. THE PRICES OF MOST FISH ALSO ROSE DURING THE SAME PERIOD: CATFISH FROM 1400 TO 1800, SERPENTHEAD FISH FROM 1400 TO 1700, DIRED FISH FROM 1200 TO 1500, AND RIVER CARP FROM 1000 TO 1500 KIP PER KILO.

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 VIENTI 00080 140526Z

2. THE PRICE OF ALL QUJHITIES AND TYPES OF RICE REMAINED ABOUT THE SAME FROM SURVEY OF DECEMBER 29 TO JANUARY 12. SUGAR, COFFEE, AND MOST DRY GOOD SUCH AS SOAP, CIGARETTES, AND TOOTHPASTE ALSO REMAINED THE SAME. THE PRICE OF TEN EGGS, HOWEVER, DRECEASED FROM 950 TO 900 KIP.

3. THE PRICES OF SOME VEGETABLES INCREASED BY A SMALL MARGIN IN THE JANUARY 12 SURVEY, THUS BREAKING A MONTH LONG TREND OF FALLING VEGETABLE PRICES.

4. THE BLACK MARKET RATE FOR A DOLLAR HELD CONSTANT WITH THE 1500 KIP RATE REPORTED JANUARY 2, 1977, AS REPORTED REFTEL.

5. COMMENT: IN THAT THE ESTIMATED MONTHLY SALARY FOR AN AVERAGE URBAN WORKER IS ABOUT 5,000 TO 6,000 KIP, ONLY FOREIGNERS, WEALTHY LAO AND THOSE LIVING ON SAVINGS CAN AFFORD TO BUY FREE MARKET MEAT AT THESE PRICES.
CORCORAN

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: MARKETS, ECONOMIC CONDITIONS, FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES, PRICES, MEATS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 14-Jan-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 22 May 2009
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977VIENTI00080
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D770014-0308
Format: TEL
From: VIENTIANE
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t19770149/aaaabqrb.tel
Line Count: 75
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 802271d9-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION EA
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 77 VIENTIANE 6
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 07-Jan-2005 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 3589431
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: LA MARKET CONDITIONS
TAGS: EFIN, AFIN, ALOW, EIND, ECON, LA
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/802271d9-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009